

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 1, as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A liquid container detachably mountable to a container holder, said liquid container holder comprising:

a container body for containing liquid and including a front side engaging portion and a rear side engaging portion for engagement with the container holder, said front side engaging portion and said rear side engaging portion being disposed at a leading side and a trailing side, respectively, with respect to an insertion direction of said container into the container holder, wherein said leading side and said trailing side are connected by a pair of lateral sides which extend in parallel with the insertion direction; and

a projection, provided on only one lateral side of said pair of lateral sides of said container body, for being guided, when said container is mounted to the container holder, along an upper end of a guide wall provided in the container holder while the other lateral side is being limited by an inner surface of the container holder, and said container is being rotated substantially about said front side engaging portion,

wherein a bottom surface of said container is provided with a liquid supply outlet for supplying the liquid from said container to an outside thereof; and

wherein said liquid supply outlet is disposed at a position downstream in the insertion direction of a middle point of said container, the position being offset toward said one of the lateral sides having said projection.

2. (Previously Presented) A liquid container according to Claim 1, wherein said container holder has a plurality of mounting portions, and a width A of said liquid container measured between substantially parallel lateral surfaces which are substantially

parallel with the insertion direction when said liquid container is mounted to said container holder, a distance B between inner surfaces of the container mounting portion opposed to said lateral sides of said liquid container, respectively, a height C of said projection, and a width D of the upper end of said guide wall, satisfy:

$$D > C > (B - A).$$

3. (Previously Presented) A container according to Claim 1, wherein said projection is positioned towards the leading side.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Previously Presented) A container according to Claim 1, wherein the bottom surface of said container is provided with a plurality of said liquid supply outlets which are arranged on a line connecting centers of said front side engaging portion and said rear side engaging portion and which are disposed offset toward said one of the lateral sides having said projection.

6. (Previously Presented) A container according to Claim 1, further comprising an elastically displaceable operation lever which elastically displaces when said container is mounted to or demounted from the container holder, wherein at least one of said front side engaging portion and said rear side engaging portion is formed into said operation lever.

7. to 10. (Cancelled)

11. (Previously Presented) A recording head cartridge comprising:
a recording head for ejecting the liquid;
a plurality of liquid containers containing liquid to be supplied into said recording head;

a plurality of container mounting portions for detachably mounting said liquid containers,

wherein each said liquid container includes a front side engaging portion and a rear side engaging portion for engagement with said container holder, said front side engaging portion and said rear side engaging portion being disposed at a leading side and a trailing side, respectively, with respect to an insertion direction of said container into said container holder, wherein said leading side and said trailing side are connected by a pair of lateral sides which extend in parallel with the insertion direction; and a projection provided on only one lateral side of said pair of lateral sides of said container body;

wherein said container holder is provided with a front side portion and a rear side portion for engagement with said front side engaging portion and said rear side engaging portion, respectively, and a guide wall, provided only on one of sides to be opposed to said liquid container, for guiding said projection along an upper end thereof;

wherein each said liquid container includes a bottom surface having a liquid supply outlet for supplying the liquid from said container to an outside thereof;

wherein for each liquid container, said liquid supply outlet is disposed at a position downstream in the insertion direction of a middle point of said container, the position being offset toward said one of the lateral sides having said projection;

wherein said container holder is provided with plural ink delivery tubes each positioned for sealed contact in correspondence to a respective one of said liquid supply outlets of said liquid containers; and

wherein when each said liquid container is mounted to said container holder, said projection is guided along the upper end of said guide wall, and the other side surface parallel with the insertion direction is limited by an inner surface of said container holder, and is rotated substantially about said front side engaging portion.

12. (Previously Presented) A recording head cartridge according to Claim 11, wherein one of said liquid containers is a black ink container containing black ink, and another one of said liquid containers is a color ink container containing at least three different color inks, and said projection of the black ink container and said projection of the color ink container are opposed to each other.